GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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THEFT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by coal mines and coal companies of the country due to misappropriation of funds and pilferage of coal during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by the officials on parties and on repair of company vehicles from outside agencies State-wise; and

(c) the details of policies framed and steps taken by the government towards checking of losses and corruption?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) No case of loss due to misappropriation of funds has been reported in any subsidiary of CIL during the last three years, except in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Orissa. The details of these cases are as under:

Year	Amount Involved	Amount Recovered
1998-99	Rs. 63.38 lakhs	Rs. 54.66 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs. 7.27 lakhs	

Theft of Coal is carried out clandestinely and as such it is not possible to exactly specify the loss due to theft. However, as per raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Governments during last three years, the following quantities were recovered in the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited: -

Company	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Quantity recovered (T)	Approximate Value (Rs. Lakh)	Quantity recovered (T)	Approximate Value (Rs. Lakh)	Quantity recovered (T)	Approximate Value (Rs. Lakh)
ECL	15324.00	122.60	342.00	2.74	22353.00	179.30
BCCL	277.62	2.99	2842.00	42.16	148.54	1.92
CCL	510.00	5.10	727.00	7.26	244.20	2.40
NCL	33.00	0.22	2.00	0.02	15.00	0.10
WCL	133.42	1.33	93.00	0.88	265.07	2.77
SECL	32.00	0.27	48.00	0.15	107.00	0.72
MCL	144.00	0.84	321.00	1.66	95.00	0.47
NEC	50.00	0.50	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16504.04	133.85	4375.00	54.87	23227.81	187.68

(b): The coal companies do not incur expenditure on parties. The expenditure incurred on repair of company vehicles from the outside agencies during 2000- 01 is given below: -

State	Expenditure (In Rs. Lakhs)
West Bengal & Assam	248.57
Madhya Pradesh	501.51
Maharashtra	231.18
Chattisgarh	321.55
Orissa	155.98
Uttar Pradesh	152.94
Jharkhand & Others	966.52

(c): The policies and steps adopted for checking losses and corruption are: -

(i) Regular periodical inspections and surprise checks are being carried out by Vigilance Department.

(ii) Specific cases of any irregularity are investigated by the Vigilance Departments of CIL and its subsidiaries.

(iii) Periodical auditing is being carried out at regular intervals round the year by auditors.

(iv) A drive has been launched, with the help of the concerned State Governments, to verify the antecedents of linked consumers in the non-core sector sponsored by State Governments.